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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF DEATH OF PRESIDENT OF  
GOVERNMENT

1. FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT HAS JUST BEEN ISSUED: QUOTE:

A STRONG EXPLOSION, WHOSE CAUSES ARE STILL UNKNOWN,  
OCCURRED THIS MORNING IN THE SALAMANCA AREA OF MADRID.  
IT CLAIMED SEVERAL CASUALTIES. THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
GOVERNMENT (PRIME MINISTER), ADMIRAL CARRERO BLANCO, WHO  
WAS PASSING BY IN HIS CAR ON HIS WAY TO HIS OFFICE, AT  
THE TIME OF THE EXPLOSION, SUFFERED GRAVE INJURIES AS A  
RESULT OF WHICH HE DIED SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVING IN A  
HOSPITAL. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION, THE  
PRESIDENCY OF THE GOVERNMENT HAS AUTOMATICALLY BEEN  
ASSUMED BY THE VICE PRESIDENT, TORCUATO FERNANDEZ -  
MIRANDA. UNQUOTE.

2. COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND FERNANDEZ MIRANDA WILL TAKE  
OVER IN ACTING CAPACITY.  
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